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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN LAWS GOVERNING FIREARMS

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW-DECREE NO. 238 (LAW FOR IMPORTATION, WAREHOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, SALE AND POSSESSION OF FIRE ARMS), TO IMPORT, SELL, TRANSPORT OR POSSESS FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION, IT IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD), THE SOLE AUTHORITY WHICH ISSUES SUCH LICENSES. A DEPOSIT OF \$500 IS REQUIRED. NO LICENSES ISSUED TO MINORS, ALCOHOLICS, DELINQUENTS OR TO MENTALLY DERANGED PERSONS.

2. LICENSES ARE NONTRANSFERABLE AND FOR USE OF LICENSEE ONLY. THEY CAN BE ISSUED BOTH TO INDIVIDUALS AND TO COMPANIES. LICENSES ARE ISSUED SEPARATELY FOR THE FOLLOWING: (1) FOR IMPORTATION, (2) FOR TRANSPORTATION, (3) FOR SALE, AND (4) FOR POSSESSION.

3. ONCE MOD HAS GRANTED IMPORT LICENSE, IT INFORMS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH IN TURN INSTRUCTS CORRESPONDING CONSULAR OFFICES TO AUTHORIZE SHIPPING DOCUMENTS. MOD ALSO INFORMS THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SO THAT UPON ARRIVAL SHIPMENT CAN BE RELEASED FROM CUSTOMS.

4. ONLY IMPORTERS WHO HAVE OBTAINED LICENSES FROM THE MOD ARE AUTHORIZED TO SELL FIREARMS, TELESCOPIC SIGHTS

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OR AMMUNITION. A DETAILED REPORT OF THE SALE OF AMMUNI-

TION MUST BE MADE WEEKLY BY THE IMPORTER TO THE MOD.
FOR THE SALE OF FIREARMS, THE IMPORTER MUST KEEP A
REGISTRY, AUTHORIZED BY THE MOD, IN WHICH EACH SALE IS
RECORDED. EACH ENTRY MUST CONTAIN THE IDENTIFICATION
AND REGISTRY NUMBERS OF THE ARMS SOLD TOGETHER WITH THE
FOLLOWING DATA ON THE BUYER: FULL NAME, AGE, MARITAL
STATUS, OCCUPATION, NATIONALITY, ADDRESS, IDENTITY CARD
NUMBER (CEDULA DE VECINIDAD) OR PASSPORT.

5. INDIVIDUAL OWNERS ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A LICENSE
FROM THE MOD IN ORDER TO POSSESS OR TO CARRY FIREARMS,
AND AT TIME OF PURCHASE HE MUST SIGN THE REGISTRY BOOK
KEPT BY THE SELLER.

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